



FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

There are many good causes that need money to fund projects and help those in need. This page outlines what you can do to raise funds as an individual, charitable or non-profit organization or commercial business.

INDIVIDUALS

Individuals cannot raise money using gambling activities, even if the money is given to charity. As an alternative:

- Approach a local charity or nonprofit to conduct a raffle for specific charitable purposes.
- Ask for donations and give the money to charity; however, any donations must not be linked to a drawing or the chance to win a prize.
- Sell items and give all or a portion of the proceeds to charity; however, a purchase must not be linked to a drawing or the chance to win a prize.
- Conduct a basket auction or essay contest.

CHARITABLE / NONPROFITS

Charitable or nonprofit organizations may offer several types of gambling activities to raise funds for charitable purposes. Some gambling activities require licenses; others don't.

Unlicensed Gambling Activities:

- Golfing sweepstakes
- Turkey shoots

May or may not Require a License:

- Amusement games (crane and carnival games)
- Bingo
- Raffles
 - When unlicensed, limited to \$5,000 and only two public activities per year. May have unlimited unlicensed members-only raffles limited to \$5,000 per year.

Always Requires a License:

- Card games and card tournaments
- Fundraising Events, (Casino Nights)
- Raffles with an alternative drawing format (Poker runs)
- Pull-tabs

FUNDRAISING QUESTIONS

Can I raffle my house?

Individuals cannot raffle their house, donating proceeds to charity. You can donate your house to a charity to raffle, but all proceeds must go to the charity. Only certain charities can offer raffles.

Can I ask people to make a donation to my charity for the chance to win a prize?

You can ask people to make a donation to your charity; however, you cannot link a donation to a drawing or the chance to win a prize.



Can I use a promotion to raise money for my charity?

No, individuals, commercial businesses and charities cannot use promotions to raise money for any reason, even to give the money to charity. Commercial businesses can offer promotions for the sole purpose of advertising their goods and services. Promotions cannot be used to raise money for the business or a charity.

Can I have a Fundraising Event, “Casino Night”?

Only charitable and nonprofit organizations can apply for a “Fundraising Event” gambling license to offer Casino Nights to raise money for charity.

Can I offer a card tournament to raise money?

Charitable and nonprofit organizations can apply for a license to offer card tournaments. Commercial businesses, not individuals, can apply for a license to offer card tournaments for profit and choose to donate profits to charity; however, the tournament cannot be linked to a drawing. As an alternative, ask your charity if they qualify to offer a card tournament and help them with the tournament.

Can I have an auction?

Anyone can offer silent / live auctions as they are not gambling because the winner is the highest bidder; the winner is not determined by chance.

Can I offer an essay contest?

Essay contests are not gambling, because the winner is selected based on their skill, not by chance. Anyone can offer an essay contest.